

Latina/o Studies Program

Sponsors Girls Heart Reading Club

Purpose

Spring 2015 is our third season of working with 4L For Latinas/Femergy to host the Girls Heart Reading Club (previous seasons were Summer 2013, Spring 2014). The program is aimed at middle school age girls of color in Columbus, but welcomes all interested girls in this age group. Twenty girls are participating in Spring 2015 term. The group meets on campus for seven Saturdays in the semester for two hour sessions: one hour of discussion and writing on that semester's chosen book, and one hour of enrichment activities. OSU clubs, student groups, and Departments have contributed to providing excellent enrichment activities in multiple fields.

In Spring 2015, Visiting Assistant Professor Ashley Hope Pérez and Political Science graduate student Yalidy Matos are co-leading the Latina/o Studies Program's collaboration with our community partners in 4L For Latinas/Femergy, Maylin Sambois and Christina Vera. OSU faculty, students, and staff who have participated in this collaboration in previous years include Pat Enciso, Maria Barbero, Yolanda Zepeda, Elena Foulis, and Theresa Delgadillo.



Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Latina/o Studies Program
DISCO - Diversity and Identity
Studies Collective
Comparative Studies Department
GALA - Graduate Association of
Latina/o and Latin American Students

Community Partners Involved

4L For Latinas/Femergy -
Maylin Sambois and Christine Vera

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[http://www.femergy.org/
girls-heart-reading-ohio.html](http://www.femergy.org/girls-heart-reading-ohio.html)

<http://go.osu.edu/girlsheart>



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Impact

Twenty Latina, African American, and Anglo American middle-school girls in the Columbus area deepen their reading comprehension; enhance analytical and creative writing skills; and build good discussion practices.

Latina, African American, and Anglo American middle-school girls and their parents visit campus regularly, meet with student clubs and groups, learn about majors and careers that higher education might make possible, encouraging them to set college as a goal.

Latina, African American, and Anglo American girls work to support each other and develop bonds and networks with all girls in the Girls Heart Reading Club.

